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REPORT To Our Reader - Owners

ANNIVERSARY

East Bay Labor Journal has now been published for 33 years under the joint ownership of the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council. Time was when a third of a century could not be reckoned a very long period: change of techniques and of habits was slow, and at the end of a third of a century you — or the you that lived in those days — were still living in a recognizable world.

Ever since trade unions emerged in the world however, change has been faster and faster. This is not because trade unions made them move faster, but because trade unions are one of the major products of the industrial revolution which plunged the world into what we now call technological change.

Those of us who have been somewhat aware of what was going on during the third of a century this paper has been in existence feel, too, that the speedup during this period has made life, the incessant adjustment to new conditions, more of a whirligig than ever. Speed itself has speeded up.

FASTER CHANGE COMING

Certainly during the third part of these 33 years that the present writer has been editor of East Bay Labor Journal there have been many changes in the trade union movement right here in the East Bay, as well as in the nation and the world.

But let it be said from the viewpoint of one who from his editorial desk watches and reports change from week to week, that "we ain't seen anything yet," as the common saying is. It is obvious that change is now under way which will make the past 33 years seem relatively static.

VAN WINKLE WOKE UP!

It should be added, even though it is painful to contemplate: the ideas of some of our union people, some of them rank and file members, some of them officers, haven't changed much in a very long time indeed.

But even Rip Van Winkle, it is rumored, woke up at last and adjusted his ideas to the change that had taken place while he was sleeping so happily.

SECRETARY C. J. HAGGERTY of the State Federation of Labor will deliver the graduation address at the completion ceremony for 250 apprentices at the Castlewood Country Club Monday evening, May 26.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Founding of new Laundry Union is told by Crowell

Russ Crowell, secretary-treasurer, Cleaners & Dyers Local 3009, told the Central Labor Council this week about the founding convention held in Washington, D. C. of the new AFLCIO Laundry & Dry Cleaning International Union from which he had just returned.

The new international replaces the old international which was ousted on charges of corrupt leadership.

Crowell said that in his opinion some of the corruption revealed made "Dave Beck seem like a Boy Scout," but that the most disturbing revelation was the almost incredibly low wage scales that had been negotiated by the old leadership in many parts of the country.

Crowell reminded his hearers that the Federal \$1 an hour minimum wage does not apply to the laundry and dry cleaning industry, as its products do not move in interstate commerce; and that many States, unlike California, do not have a State law on the subject.

In Indianapolis, he said, it was learned that the old international had tolerated a contract running from 1958 to 1962 with a scale ranging from 63¢ cents to a top of \$1.08; with only an additional 2½-cent increase allowed for in the 4-year period.

"Yet these, remember, are the organized workers in our industry," said Crowell. "And at no time had the old international organized more than 90,000 or so of the 600,000 people in the industry."

In fact, laxness about organ-

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Carmen for strike by 760 to 89 vote

Carmen 192 voted Tuesday 760 to 89 to strike the Key System if necessary. The contract expires May 31.

President Vern Stambaugh said the union is asking a one-year contract, a 28-cent hourly increase of pay across the board, company-paid health and welfare, change in vacation clauses, severance pay and pension clauses, and better guarantee for extras on the board.

The company, said Stambaugh, has offered no immediate pay increase, wants a 3-year contract, and beginning December 1 of this year a one-cent rise or fall of pay per hour depending on whether cost of living has risen or fallen.

The negotiations are continuing.

The union was saddened this week by the sudden illness of C. R. (Curly) Gifford, business representative on the operating side, who is now at Permanente, with no callers permitted due to the seriousness of his illness.



'RIGHT TO WORK' struggle in Ohio was dramatized by the Machinists in a display at the Union Label show, which told the thousands of visitors that "monkeys can live on peanuts" but that Ohio workers need more than that. AFLCIO Director of Organization John Livingston and Secretary-Treasurer Schnitzler prove the point as they feed show-stopping monkeys.

Cash for COPE asked of building trades unions

Urgent need for generous contributions to Alameda County COPE (AFLCIO Council on Political Education) was stressed in a letter addressed to all building trades unions by Robert S. Ash, COPE secretary.

The letter was read by Building Trades Council Secretary John Davy at the BTC meeting this week.

"The endorsed candidates for State Legislature," wrote Ash, are depending upon us for financial help. Endorsement alone is not enough—we must help them get elected.

"Please send as generous a

contribution as you can to the Alameda County COPE.

"This is urgent. Please act as soon as you can.

"Remember, only by electing candidates favorable to the problems of the working people are we going to protect our present contracts and improve our conditions in the future."

Ash included in the envelope containing the letter a sample COPE slate card for the election June 3, and said that all unions should realize that "a sufficient number can be obtained by calling the office of the Central La-

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MUD bonds okayed, management held like Wards, Kohler

After much debate, on a vote that was very far from being unanimous, the Central Labor Council this week endorsed the East Bay Municipal Utilities District bond issue to be voted on in the June 3 election.

It was made plain by all speakers that the endorsement of the proposed \$140,000,000 bond issue was given solely in the public interest. The management and board of directors were denounced as having established an employer setup as anti-labor as Montgomery Ward's or the Kohler plumbing concern.

The CLC executive board, to which the issue had been tossed back at the previous meeting, recommended that the bonds be endorsed, that the whole weight of labor be thrown back of organizing the workers for MUD, and that labor's voting power be mobilized to overthrow the present reactionary directors of MUD at the earliest opportunity.

This was the recommendation that was adopted after the strenuous debate.

Ed Reith led the attack by telling of the great efforts expended by the Municipal Employees Local, affiliated with Building Service Employees, to organize the MUD workers, and how the management tactics within a year broke down a union group of some 600 persons to a bare handful.

Reith's insistence that no stand should be taken on the bond issue was backed by Joe W. Chaudet, representing the

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Paint Maker success spreads!

As a direct result of the long but successful strike of Paint Makers 1101 against the C. K. Williams dry paint materials plant at Emeryville, the Brotherhood of Painters has now organized the company's plant in East St. Louis, Illinois, adding 217 new members to the Brotherhood of Painters.

In addition, the Brotherhood's Paint Makers Division is moving in on the Williams plant at Eton, Pennsylvania, believing that the news of the union's success here and in East St. Louis will cause the workers at the Eton plant to vote for joining.

This was reported at the Central Labor Council meeting this week by Pete Ceremello, business representative of Local 1101.

Ceremello attributed the success both at Emeryville and at

East St. Louis to the strategy followed by CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash. Ceremello reminded the delegates that last winter when the company indicated that it would be willing to remain picketed at Emeryville until kingdom come rather than sign a good contract and establish decent labor relations, Ash said the thing to do was to go after the company's plant in East St. Louis.

This was done. CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx accompanied members of Local 1101 to East St. Louis, the assistance of unions there was mobilized after much maneuvering, and a picket line set up. Groulx got a good deal of snow in his pockets on the picket line, but pretty soon back here the company began to talk sense.

Fremont fire-police change praised

At the Central Labor Council meeting this week high praise was given to the action of the Fremont City Council in voting to abolish the confusing and inefficient system of making firemen serve as policemen and policemen serve as firemen, with no one around to serve the public singlemindedly. (See page 8, "Fremont bans fire and police omelet" for details.)

Kenneth Steadman, Steel-

workers 3367, one of the Fremont City Councilmen who voted for the change, said strong interests were greatly upset by the change, but that it was made for the good of the city. E. F. McNamara Fire Fighters, highly praised the action.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash was empowered to telegraph to the Fremont City Council commending the action of the city fathers.

Lumsden deflates Knowland's agent

Harry Lumsden, Shipyard Laborers 886, was at an NAACP meeting in San Francisco this week at which candidates were interviewed. The lawyer sent by Senator Knowland to represent him said that he challenged anyone to show that "right to work" would injure unions.

"I accept the challenge," said Lumsden, "and will pay part of the cost for an auditorium for the debate."

HOW TO BUY

Meat-scarce summer looms

By SIDNEY MARGOLIS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

There's less meat this year, prices have skyrocketed, and working families, especially those trying to live on unemployment checks and part-time work, are bearing the brunt of the scarcity. Many families have been priced almost out of the meat market, and are eating three or more meatless dinners a week.

The present high cost of meat is attributable only partly to the lower supplies of about four pounds less per person this year than last. The shortage has been further aggravated by a hold-back by livestock producers. They are taking full advantage of the shortage and the high prices by keeping cattle on feed-lots longer to market them at heavier weights later this summer. The cattle kill dropped 11 percent in the first quarter of this year, and hogs fell off 8 percent. The result, is, wholesale prices of cattle skyrocketed 36 percent, and of hogs, 21.

Prices of beef will ebb later this summer when more fed beef reaches the markets. But there will be no real relief from the price squeeze until fall when pork supplies increase. Among foods which have come down in price are eggs, poultry and fresh vegetables. In contrast to red meat, supplies of chicken are ten percent above last year.

Let's take a look at what this year's inflation has done to your family's living costs. From the spring of '57 to this spring, the cost of living rose almost four percent led by a rise of 6.7 percent in food, 4.3 percent in medical care, 2.7 in rents and other housing costs, and 2.7 in car and transportation expenses.

The high price of food has made a mockery of President Eisenhower's buy-now advice, and the ads of some sellers tuned in on this appeal. Steep eating bills are blocking moderate-income families from taking advantage of the cut prices now available on refrigerators, air conditions, TV sets, cooking utensils, washing machines, radios, textiles and clothing.

Some mature workers will pay

the price of this recession even in retirement. Many whose earnings have fallen below \$4200 in '57 and '58 will suffer a corresponding reduction in future Social Security payments.

With meat the real buying problem of 1958, this department has prepared a chart of comparative costs per serving. If you can keep your cost for meat or other main dish below 25 cents per person, you're doing well.

The prices may vary from market to market, and in different localities, and will change in the weeks ahead. For one thing, supermarkets offer one or two dramatic meat specialties at prices below average costs. You'll beat them at their game if you widen your shopping to take advantage of specials at different stores, but resist the impulse buying of high-priced foods they count on.

Eggs and cheddar cheese stand out as best buys in protein foods at this time. The money-saving trick is to use low-cost foods in combination with small amounts of expensive meat, as in omelets, casseroles, souffles, fondues, pizzas and in lunch boxes.

Cooks 24 eggs at one time

A patent has been awarded for apparatus with which a cook can fry twenty-four eggs in three and a quarter minutes. The inventor makes good use of the equipment; he is food service manager at the Virginia State Penitentiary in Richmond.

The multiple egg fryer was designed by Edwin E. Gangwer, who started in the food business by cutting up meat for a supermarket. That was seventeen years ago, when he was 15 years old. During World War II, he fried eggs for bluejackets over a hot grill on a rolling ship.

His device consists of a frame holding a dozen cups and a dozen rings. Working first at a table, the cook breaks and inspects the eggs and puts two in each cup. (The prison ration is two.) The cook then sets the frame on a hot (325 degrees) grill, with the rings resting on its surface. By moving a lever, he dumps the contents of all the cups simultaneously onto the grill. The rings keep the portions from running together.

An important feature is a sheet of stainless steel that the cook moves into place close above the eggs. This reflects the heat down and steam-bastes the eggs into the condition known as "over easy."

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

15,751 POSTMASTERS in the United States are women. That is a large proportion of the total of 36,766 postmaster jobs in the country.

It is true that many of the places where women run the post office are small, but they do, operate some of the million-dollar offices, that is, those with at least a million dollars annual receipts.

Three of these million dollar post offices run by women are: Beverley Hills, Calif., Corpus Christie, Tex., and Hackensack, N. J.

MULES ARE USED to bring the mail down to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, where the Supai, Ariz. post office is run by Miss Virginia Siyuja.

Some of the women run successful businesses. For instance, Mrs. Frances R. Huson runs a prospering oystering business in addition to the Tahuya, Wash., post office.

RURAL DELIVERY, which serves many of the areas where women are postmasters, now covers 1,579,045 miles in the United States. That's a whopping big figure.

And you can be sure that at many of the rural delivery mail boxes there is a woman standing waiting to see what's in the mail. For with all the floods of advertising and the monthly rolling in of bills the fact remains that the daily arrival of the mail in rural or urban areas is one of the big events of many persons' days.

Plan weekly house cleaning

Do you plan your weekly cleaning routine? Perhaps if you give a little thought to this never-ending chore, you can add minutes or even hours to your cherished spare time hours.

Instead of setting aside one long tiresome day of cleaning each week, break the job into two or three sections. Do no more than three rooms each day. This probably will take about two hours each day, and cleaning won't be such a monstrous and back breaking chore.

To save tugging and lugging of equipment, clean the rooms closest together the same day. Do the bedrooms one day. The next day do all downstairs rooms but the kitchen. Then clean the kitchen and bathroom on the third day.

Spring, tra la!

Some women clean house each spring and others are easier to live with. When spring cleaning time arrives some husbands beat rugs. Others just beat it. — St. Louis Labor Tribune.

Wrong places

The trouble with today's smart children, quipped the old timer, is that they don't smart in the right places.

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To keep milk nice and fresh

To keep fresh milk at its best, keep it clean, cold, covered and dark. Milk holds both food value and flavor best when kept cold. It's good practice to take each new bottle or carton of milk straight to the sink, rinse it unopened under cold running water, and dry it with a clean cloth. Then promptly put the milk in the refrigerator. Stored near the freezing unit milk can be expected to keep good quality and flavor for three or four days, perhaps longer.

When milk in clear-glass containers stands in a sunny window or unprotected on a doorstep, it loses riboflavin (a B-vitamin), and may develop a "sunlight" off-flavor in as short a time as half an hour. If milk is delivered in clear-glass bottles and can't be refrigerated promptly, it pays to have an insulated receiving box for it.

Milk should be out of the refrigerator only long enough to pour out for use. Don't mix new milk with old except for immediate use.—United Mine Workers Journal.

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

MANY TEENAGERS write autobiographical novels.

If these embryonic novelists are girls, which they usually are, and if they are in the younger brackets, their farthest horizon is graduation from high school.

The heroine, (the authoress, who else!) is always a lovely girl and very beautiful—but poor.

The hero, with whom she has been "going steady" for two years, is, naturally, the only son of very wealthy parents, who, also naturally, give him everything.

He lives in a beautiful house, has a beautiful car, a convertible—spelled in various ways—of an expensive make — also spelled in ways which would chill the spine of the manufacturers.

On graduation day, the boy, now suddenly twenty-one, asks her to marry him, and of course she consents, but "has no clothes."

"That's all right," says the prince. "My mother will take you shopping."

Which mother does, and little Cinderella suddenly has a complete and beautiful wardrobe.

So they fly to Reno and get married. (It must be Reno.)

When they come home he takes her to the beautiful and lovely house full of lovely and beautiful furniture. In the driveway stands her own car, another convertible, of an elegant and unspendable make.

His father takes him into the firm and they live a lovely and beautiful life forever after.

End of lovely and beautiful story. But not, we hope, end of the lovely and beautiful dream.

Babies need comfy shoes

Babies learning to walk should wear shoes which give "barefoot freedom."

Infant's first shoes may determine his foot comfort when he grows up.

Comfortable feet in adulthood will usually result when feet are allowed to develop naturally in childhood.

Strong foot muscles are the result of exercise. To achieve this result, foot covering which affords the infant a maximum of freedom of movement is recommended.

Possible weakness and stiffness may result when the infant's foot is confined to a shoe which holds any part of it in conformity. Non-flexible shoes may also hinder the infant from walking effectively.

Where did they think she was?

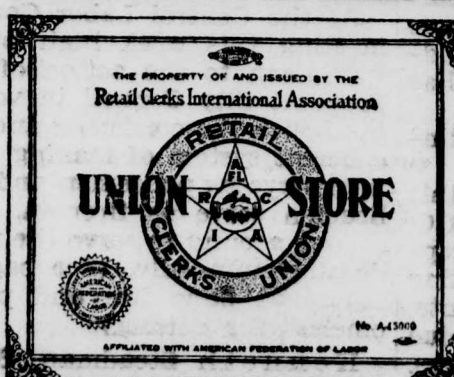
For over a year a man had eaten in a small restaurant whose sign read, "Mary's Home Cooking," but never once had he seen Mary. Finally his curiosity got the better of him and he said to the waitress, "I've been having lunch here for a long time and Mary is never around. Where is she?"

"She's just where the sign says she is," the waitress answered. "home cooking."

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Brown is leading Knowland in race, all polls reveal

All polls now show Pat Brown leading Knowland in the gubernatorial race this spring by a clear-cut margin.

The latest "California Poll" of statewide public opinion in March said, "Brown's majority among Democrats plus his Republican support would insure his election as Governor if voting were held today."

A very recent \$10,000 private poll obtained by top Republican leaders in California shows this—

For Brown, 51.6 percent
For Knowland, 43.8 percent
Undecided, 4.6 percent

A United Press poll of the 120 members of the State Legislature said 63 believed Brown would win in November, 43 bet on Knowland, and 14 were undecided. Yet Republicans have a 63-57 edge in the two houses of the Legislature.

The California Poll noted: "Traditionally victorious Republican candidates have captured well over 90 percent of their party's vote and 20 percent or more from the Democrats. Knowland's support does not measure up to these levels in either party."

The Christian Science Monitor recently wrote: "Pat Brown is now conclusively ahead in the gubernatorial race. The task of the Democratic Party in California is to keep him there."—Brown for Governor Campaign Committee.

Engle protesting Eisenhower's veto

Congressman Clair Engle, Red Bluff, Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator, has asked for immediate action on over-riding President Eisenhower's veto on the River, Harbor and Public Works Bill, in order to stem growing unemployment in Southern California's building and construction trades industry.

In the event that the veto cannot be overridden in the Senate, Engle proposed revision of the bill to give assurance of Presidential approval.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JUNE 3: ALAMEDA & CONTRA COSTA COS.

Alameda County

Following are the candidates in the June 3 primary election recommended by the Alameda County Council on Political Education (COPE):

GOVERNOR
Edmund G. "Pat" Brown

LT. GOVERNOR
Glenn Anderson

SECRETARY OF STATE
Henry Lopez

CONTROLLER
Alan Cranston

TREASURER
No endorsement

ATTORNEY GENERAL
Stanley Mosk

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
James H. Quinn

UNITED STATES SENATOR
Clair Engle

HOUSE
7th: Jeffery Cohelan
8th: George P. Miller

STATE SENATE
John Holmdahl

ASSEMBLY
13th: Carlos Bee
14th: Robert Crown
15th: Nicholas Petris
16th: Wilma Hackett
17th: W. Byron Rumford
18th: Winton McKibben

SUPERIOR COURT
No endorsement

MUNICIPAL COURT
Berkeley - Albany: Arthur Harris

Oakland - Piedmont: No endorsement

Alameda: No endorsement

San Leandro - Hayward: T. L. Foley, Gerald Connitt

Niles-Centerville: E. A. Quarasma

Pleasanton: No endorsement

Livermore: No endorsement

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

No endorsement

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Area 1—Charlotte Treutlein

Area 4—George A. Walter Jr.

Area 7—No endorsement

COUNTY CLERK
Jack G. Blue

COUNTY AUDITOR
Eugene V. Waring

COUNTY RECORDER
No endorsement

COUNTY TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR
Edwin Meese, Jr.

COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
J. Frank Coakley

COUNTY SURVEYOR
Olof E. Anderson

COUNTY SHERIFF
H. P. Gleason

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

2nd: Francis Dunn

3rd: Leland Sweeney

Oakland Election

School Tax—YES

Contra Costa Co.

Following are the candidates in the June 3 primary election recommended by the Contra Costa County Council on Political Education (COPE):

GOVERNOR
Edmund G. "Pat" Brown

LT. GOVERNOR
Glenn Anderson

UNITED STATES SENATOR
Clair Engle

HOUSE
6th: Howard Jewel

ASSEMBLY
10: Jerome Waldie
11th: S. C. Masterson

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40,000 Journal address plates

In the Union Correspondents' section of this issue will be found the announcement by Steelworker Machinists 1304 that they have subscribed to East Bay Labor Journal. This brings us an additional circulation of some 1700, and the management of the paper greatly appreciates the general praise given in Local 1304's announcement.

During the past month we have been changing over to a new and more efficient system of handling the name-and-address plates used in the mailing of East Bay Labor Journal to

members of subscribing unions. In the course of this over 40,000 name-and-address plates have been cut anew, using a different sized plate adapted to handling by a new machine.

In the course of this extensive operation, it is possible that a few mistakes have been made. So the suggestion is made that each individual who receives the paper note whether or not his or her name and initials are correct on the paper, and of course the address itself. If they're not, phone the office at AN 1-3980.



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Plumbers Local 444

By BEN H. BEYNON

A wonderful three weeks vacation in Europe was recently enjoyed by the A. A. Blisses (Mrs. Pearl Bliss, secretary to Ben H. Beynon, business manager, financial secretary and treasurer of Local 444.)

Mr. and Mrs. Bliss flew over the polar route from San Francisco to Naples, Italy, with stops for refueling only at Winnipeg in Canada and Paris. It was a beautiful clear day as they flew over the Alps and along the Italian Riviera.

From Naples they drove to the ruins of Pompeii and to Mount Vesuvius, thence by boat to the Isle of Capri and by train to Rome.

Four interesting days were spent in Rome. Then by plane to Venice, by train to Milan, by plane to Zurich, Bern, and Geneva in Switzerland.

Germany was the next country visited, by plane to Frankfurt, and Hamburg; thence to Copenhagen in Denmark, to Stockholm in Sweden, and back to Amsterdam and Brussels with three pleasant days at the great world's fair in the latter city.

The Blisses arrived at the fair on the opening day to witness all the ceremony, King Baudoin's presence in the morning, the fireworks in the evening, and the

excitement that goes with the grand opening of a world's fair.

By helicopter they left Brussels, arriving in the business center of Paris—the beautiful city about which the songs of "Paris in the Spring," etc., are written. After three enjoyable days there they flew to London, spending three days there.

Off again on wings to Ireland, visiting Dublin and Limerick, and then from Shannon Airport to New York.

Mr. Weatherman was again kind to them, for they had a clear beautiful daylight flight from New York, arriving in San Francisco at 4:10 p.m.

It was a fast and furious schedule, but they were able to cover 24 cities in 11 countries, and felt it was most worth while and the pleasantest vacation they have ever had.

Carpenters Auxiliary

By WAVA M. BARBER

Attending the Ladies Auxiliary No. 160, Anniversary 32nd year birthday dinner held May 17 at Embers, San Lorenzo were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. John Clapp, Mr. and Mrs. Howel Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wheeler, guests Mr. and Mrs. Larry B. Anderson.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

All members of the East Bay Machinists Local 1304, will receive East Bay Labor Journal at their homes.

Our members deserve the best, which is why East Bay Labor Journal was selected as the link of communication between our Union and its members.

1304 is starting negotiations with the shipyards as soon as we can arrange a suitable base of operations.

We have election of officers in June.

The June primaries are very important to the future strength of our union, so don't forget to vote for labor endorsed candidates.

Watch East Bay Labor Journal for news and notices of our Union.

We'll see you at our next meeting on Thursday, June 5, 1958 at 8:00 p.m., at our Hall.

Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

Election Day, the day all true union men and women should look forward to, is here again. That is the day we can stop yacking and go out and do something, such as stamping those little crosses behind the names of persons that have shown they think of the little man once in a while. I do not mean such people as the Knowlands, Christophers, Laphams, Chandlers and a few more that could be named who I will admit do think of the little people, but their thinking is only to try and see that more restrictive slave laws are put on the books.

I think that we all should pay more attention to our own labor press and its recommendations and less to the reactionary papers. After that let's go out and

put those little crosses behind our friends names. Don't forget June 3rd.

At the last meeting, although not to well attended, there was some very lively discussion on a number of subjects pertaining to our industry.

Better come down and get in on it.

For the information of all members, the dues for the third quarter July, August and September, will be \$27.30. Please pay attention to this so your record can be kept straight.

Dues for honorary members and apprentices will remain the same at \$8.55 per quarter.

Glad to report that there are no more new members on the sick list as of this date. Brothers Horning and Weber in same condition as last reported.

The office will not be opened on Saturday, May 31, the day after Memorial Day.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

Eleven days from the date of this issue of East Bay Labor Journal the June 3 primaries will be upon us.

One or two issues aside from the candidates merit special attention.

Foremost of course is Proposition C, the Oakland permissive school tax ceiling increase.

I have attended the Oakland Board of Education meetings, and feel that the members are sincere, dedicated, and hard working people. The teachers likewise.

But all the dedication and hard work in the world means nothing unless there is grease to oil the axles.

It seems strange to authorize the spending of \$40,000,000 on school buildings and then refuse to equip or staff those buildings.

A vote for Proposition C on June 3 is the answer to this dilemma.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Everyone in the industry is aware that E. W. Reynolds Co. went into the promotional sales business for jewelry stores.

More than two weeks ago, one of the large chain jewelry stores ran such an E. W. Reynolds promotional. Included in the promotional advertisement was a coupon entitling a person to a watch repair for \$3.88 with any purchase. This was brought to our attention last week.

We immediately took this matter up with the E. W. Reynolds representative who assured us this type of watch repair advertising would be eliminated in this area in the future.

We have a number of issues that have not as yet been resolved; however, will report on these as progress is made.

Hearings are still being held in Redwood City on the wage claims against Reinhard & Company. The case of the Mutual Watch Institute of America is about to take on economic action. All price advertisements are being eliminated.

If I could have ONE WISH at this time, I would wish that I was twins.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

This is the time when our members have the chance to change their choice of insurance coverage if they so desire. If any member covered under Kaiser Foundation Health Plan wishes to change to our Group Indemnity Plan—or if any member covered under our Group Indemnity Plan wishes to change to Kaiser Foundation coverage—please notify the union office on or before May 28 in order that new cards may be sent to you for completion and return to this office prior to June 2. No changes can be made after this date until the next date stipulated in our agreement with the Insurance Company, i.e., December 1st. Therefore, if you wish to change — May 28th is the deadline date.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The next regular meeting, Tuesday, June 3, will be a special called meeting to act on the following special order of business:

- 1—To reconsider the resolution of policy to raise dues \$1 per month;
- 2—Transfer of funds from the savings account to the general account.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

The office will be closed Decoration Day, May 30, and Saturday, May 31.

Fraternally,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

There will be only one meeting a month during June, July, August, and September. This will be held on the first Thursday of each of those months.

During that period there will be two executive board meetings a month, on the first and third Tuesdays.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y., Bus. Mgr.

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Next regular meeting, Thursday, June 5, 1958, at 8:00 p.m., Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m., Machinists Hall, 3637 San Pablo Avenue, Emeryville, California.

Fraternally yours,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The day for the regular monthly meeting has been changed from the first Thursday to the fourth Wednesday of each month.

This means that the next meeting will be held June 25.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Bus. Mgr., Fin. Sec. and Treasurer

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meeting will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

All members are urged to attend

a special credit union meeting to be held at Carpenters Hall, Tuesday at 8 p.m., May 27, 1958.

Starting in the month of June a special feature will be held to try to stimulate better attendance at our union meetings.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. NIXON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 meets at Eagle's Hall, 1223 - 36th Avenue, Oakland on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Following the regular meeting Friday, June 6 a special called meeting will be held in order to nominate officers. Another subject for consideration will be the proposed increase in per capita tax to District Council 16, from the present 10 cents to 20 cents per member per month.

Friday, May 30 being Memorial Day our office will be closed on that date and also on Saturday May 31.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The next regular meeting will be held at the Labor Temple, 1541 Mattox Road, Hayward, Friday, May 23. At this meeting the time and regulations for the election on June 13 will be decided. Dr. Harold Schoenfeld, candidate for County Superintendent of Schools, Alameda County, will give a short speech.

There will be no meeting Friday, May 30, because of Memorial Day. The financial secretary-treasurer wishes to announce that the \$2.00 assessment voted by the local is due June 1, 1958, payable ahead of the dues, as stated in the general constitution.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

ATTENTION!

Let's get out and vote June 3, 1958. Be sure and read the East Bay Labor Journal for the endorsements on candidates, and bond issues.

Vote YES on the School Tax Ceiling Proposition C. This is a very good proposition, as our Oakland schools are in bad shape financially. The ceiling has not been raised for 20 years. Tell your friends to get out and vote, too.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

Arkansas suffers under 'wreck' law

The plight of the state of Arkansas under its "right to work" law was related to the California State Federation of Labor headquarters in a letter from V. H. Williams, executive secretary of the Arkansas State Federated Labor Council.

The main points in Williams' letter follow:

- (1) Arkansas has a \$55 per week average industrial wage, which is among the lowest in the nation. (California's is \$94).
- (2) Arkansas has the lowest unemployment compensation benefits in the nation.
- (3) Arkansas school expenditures per pupil are the lowest in the nation, with classroom teachers' salaries also at the bottom.
- (4) Arkansas health and welfare plans make the employees pay the full contribution to sustain the plan in 90 percent of existing programs.—State Federation Newsletter.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT insurance claims decreased between March and April in the San Francisco-Oakland Metropolitan Area; manufacturing employment edged down slightly, two State agencies announced.

Jeffery Cohelan, Labor Democrat, is crowding GOP in race for Congress

Jeffery Cohelan, East Bay union official, shows every indication of upsetting a 12-year Republican incumbent in the race for Northern Alameda County's Seventh Congressional District seat.

Veteran political observers termed Cohelan the strongest political candidate Seventh District Democrats have supported in more than a decade.

Cohelan, secretary - treasurer since 1942 of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Local 302, has won the full support of labor with his firm stand against so-called right to work legislation. Another source of his labor support is the enviable reputation established by Local 302 in progressively promoting the welfare of its membership.

Mrs. Corinne Gilb, research political scientist for the University of California Institute of Industrial Relations, said:

"Local 302 is one of the leading Bay Area unions in encouraging rank and file participation by its membership in policy decisions."



JEFFERY COHELAN

Since 1955 Cohelan has been a Berkeley City Councilman and previously served on the Berkeley Welfare Commission and the Berkeley Tax Commission.

A native of San Francisco, Cohelan is married and the father of four. The family home is at 1345 Arch Street, Berkeley.

His wife, Evelyn, is a nursing instructor at the U. C. Medical Center.

The Seventh Congressional District consists of Northern Oakland, Berkeley, Piedmont and Albany and Emeryville.

Anti-bias conference

An opportunity to "do something about improving the status of racial minorities in the East Bay" awaits those who attend the Action Conference sponsored by the Berkeley NAACP at Franklin and Burbank schools, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 23, 24, and 25. Rev. Roy Nichols is conference chairman.

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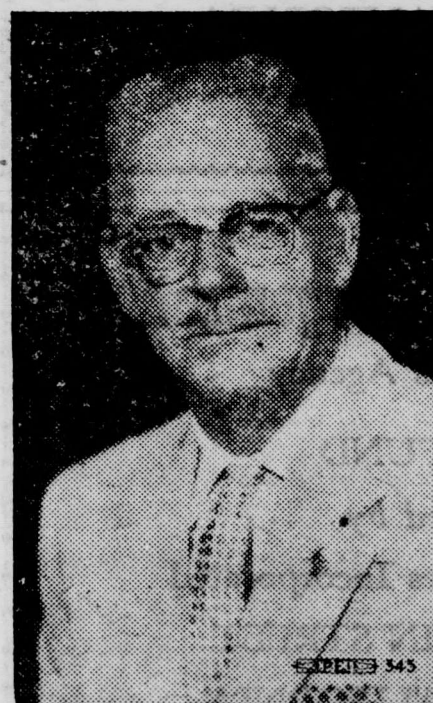
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**Restaurant owners
against RW scheme**

Prominent San Francisco restaurant owners have joined in the fight to oppose "right to work" legislation, it was announced by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

Included in the restaurant group are Tommy Harris of Tommy's Joynt; Peter Boudoures of the Maison Paul Grill; J. W. Ferrara of the Troc; Robert Grison of Grison's Steak House and Albert Pollack, co-owner of Lefty O'Doul's.

Haggerty said the State Federation would this month announce membership of a Businessmen's Committee against the "wreck" proposal. He said the committee was already composed of several hundred members. — State Federation Newsletter.

**Republican women
emulating labor**

The president of the National Federation of Republican Women recently told a San Francisco press conference that a principal objective of the Federation for next November's election is to "out-precinct" the Women's Division of the AFLCIO Committee on Political Education.

Mrs. Catharine Gibson, visiting San Francisco for a GOP confab, said that the AFLCIO women "go where they can make themselves most effective." She said "The only rebuff we have is to outprecinct them in the precincts."

The San Francisco Chronicle termed Mrs. Gibson's cry for action against the AFLCIO an "informal call to arms." — State Federation Newsletter.

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**Contra Costa official
says District Attorney
Collins merits big vote**

A veteran Contra Costa County official for more than 30 years — D. M. Teeter, County Administrator — has announced that he is urging the reelection of District Attorney Francis W. Collins at the June 3 primary election.

In announcing his support of the incumbent District Attorney, Mr. Teeter pointed out that this is the first instance in his long connection with public office, that he has made such an endorsement.

"I feel," he said, "that no one in the county knows the tremendous amount of work, the ability and the devotion to this county that is embodied in Mr. Collins more than I do."

**Time study made
by Workers School**

WASHINGTON — A time study and wage incentive institute, sponsored by the AFLCIO Department of Research, will be held in cooperation with the School for Workers of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin.

AFLCIO Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler, chairman of the AFLCIO Research Committee, said the institute was planned in answer to requests that the full-time union representative be given a basic understanding of current time study and wage incentive practices, as well as their abuses and shortcomings. Included will be a discussion of collective bargaining problems posed by the two techniques.

In addition to class discussions, jobs will be set up in the shop to demonstrate problems which union representatives often meet in the area. — AFLCIO News.

**Religious labor
man gains prize**

Organized labor and its employers closed out the most successful AFLCIO Union-Industries Show in history recently and chalked up a two-decade history of accomplishment in the field of show business.

Over 319,000 persons visited Cincinnati's Music Hall in six-days to view the wonders of labor-management cooperation and see the union goods and services which have made famous the symbols of union men and women.

Probably the happiest visitor to the all-union exhibition was Eddie Stanley, a cafeteria worker who won the all-electric kitchen awarded by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. When told of his good fortune, Stanley, a part-time preacher as well as a member of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, said:

"I'm rejoiced. I'm as happy as the day I got religion. I haven't been out of debt for ten years." He plans to sell the prize, liquidate his obligations and get married in June. Stanley's grand prize is worth well over \$6,000 plus an additional \$2,000 set aside by the union to cover installation costs.

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Labor's tax plan to be on ballot

The labor-backed state tax revision initiative has qualified for placement on the November 4 general election ballot, it was announced by the office of Secretary of State Frank Jordan at Sacramento.

Jordan's office revealed that 350,901 valid ballot signatures had been tabulated. With all counties not yet included in the summary, it was expected that the total ballot signatures would approximate 375,000.

The tax measure will be Number 17 on the November 4 ballot.

Under state law, proponents of the tax revision measure were obliged to file at least 322,429 signatures on April 28.

However, sponsors would have been allowed another 40 days for signature soliciting if they had proven unable to submit the required total on the first filing date deadline.

"Right to work" advocates are now making use of the 40-day extension period in the effort to qualify their proposal. — State Federation Newsletter.

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MISHAWAKA, Ind. — A new world safety record of 11,400,483 man-hours has been worked without a lost time accident by members of Rubber Workers Local 65 at the U. S. Rubber Co. Ball Band plant here.

The plant operated without accidents from November 28, 1956, to January 8, 1958. The record won for the workers three safety awards, two from the National Safety Council and the company's first place symbol. The previous record was held by the company's Naugatuck, Conn., plant, which worked 10,250,040 man-hours without a lost time accident.—AFLCIO News.

Boycott of union by union: problem

WASHINGTON — Expansion of the AFLCIO's impartial umpire system to handle boycotts between affiliated unions was voted by the Executive Council while in session at Miami Beach.

It pointed out that boycotts, work stoppages or refusal to handle materials made or processed by other AFLCIO union members, are illegal under the AFLCIO Constitution.

The Constitution's Article II, Section 8 and Article III, Section 4 guarantee the integrity of each affiliated union and call for the respect of the collective bargaining relationships of all affiliates.

Under the AFLCIO method of handling inter-union raiding disputes adopted at the same meeting of the Executive Council, unions unable to achieve settlements by direct talks may take the issue to the impartial umpire.—AFLCIO News.

Ask to see the union shop card before you buy anything!

'Attack on public employees' grows

Al Albertoni of Oakland, president of the Federated Fire Fighters of California, and 10th district vice president of the International Association of Fire Fighters, reported to the State membership recently:

It is anticipated that the attack on public employees at the legislative level will be greater than ever in 1959. Therefore, it is necessary that we have adequate funds to defeat any and all such attacks.

The ways and means of defeating such attacks, as well as policy and legislative programs will be outlined at our State and International conventions—Long Beach, May 29th and Wichita, August 11, 1958. It is urgent that every local possible be represented at both conventions. Each member should support a program of insisting that his local be represented. Your voice and ideas will not be heard if you are not present.

Factory jobs drop in 'golden' State

California factory employment declined in April contrary to the usual seasonal upturn, Edward P. Park, California Director of Industrial Relations, announced.

Manufacturing employment totaled 1,134,500 wage and salary workers last month, representing a drop of 3,300 from March. If the trend had followed the typical seasonal pattern there would have been a rise of about 8,000 employees.

The decline this April largely reflects further layoffs by manufacturers of hard goods. The largest reduction, 6,400, was recorded in automobiles. Machinery, aircraft, and rubber products manufacturers each reported cuts of about 1,000.

Important labor bill up to House

The AFLCIO Legislative Department sends the following statement on an important bill:

S. 2888, The Health, welfare and pension benefit plan disclosure bill has been passed by the Senate unanimously. Many anti-labor amendments were offered by conservative Senators. They were rejected but only after assurances were given that another labor bill would reach the floor.

As passed by the Senate, the bill's provisions are substantially the same as those reported by the Senate Labor Committee and supported by the AFLCIO.

The bill is now before the House Education and Labor Committee, which held extensive hearings on disclosure bills last year. The House Committee, however, has taken no further action.

Successful passage of this legislation this year requires prompt action by the House Labor Committee.

The AFLCIO supports S. 2888, and has urged the Committee to report this bill in substantially the same form as it passed the Senate.

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Average cost for school child \$292

The cost of education for a child in the average Bay Area elementary school for the 1956-57 school year was \$292.00 according to a survey released by the San Francisco Bay Area Council.

As the grade level rose so did the cost. The expenditure for the student in the average Bay Area high school was \$456.00 for the year, for a junior college student, \$522.00.

Expenditures showed a considerable variation between counties in the average costs at each level. In Alameda county the average expense for an elementary school student was \$279.00, for a high school student, \$451.00.

Many cities in the Bay Area such as San Francisco have unified school districts embracing all grade levels from kindergarten through the junior college level. San Francisco public schools spent a high of \$426.00 per student, with teachers also receiving a high of \$266.00 per student. Marin county showed a low of \$305.00 spent on each pupil for the school year with a corresponding low of \$204.00 for a teacher's salary per student.

Fremont bans fire and police omelet

The Fremont City Council by a 3 to 2 vote abolished their integrated fire-police public safety system as of July 1, 1958.

Council members Winifred Bendel, Kenneth Steadman, and Rollin Cunningham voted for abolition of the system after a three hour debate. Mayor Michael Overacker and Councilman Wallace Pond were in opposition.

The council majority argued that integrated fire and police departments have not worked in other cities and that integration is debasing to men of both departments.

This position, maintained successful by council members Bendel, Steadman, and Cunningham, was sustained by information compiled for them by A. E. Albertoni, 10th District vice president of the International Association of Fire Fighters, the National Board of Fire Underwriters and the Pacific Coast Fire Rating Bureau.

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Joe Smith urges vote June 3 for Proposition C

Joseph E. Smith, chairman, "Crusade for Education" campaign, favoring "Yes" for Proposition C, announces the opening of campaign headquarters at 136 East 12th Street. The telephone numbers are Higate 4-3748 and Higate 4-4034.

"Oakland Schools face a serious crisis unless Proposition C passes June 3," said Smith:

"Oakland schools are faced with operational and educational cuts, eliminating or curtailing 26 important factors in our school program.

"This will eliminate all high school athletics, limit the number of children entering kindergartens, eliminate special science programs and evening classes, and curtail many other important phases of education.

"We must not deprive our children of adequate education because of inadequate funds.

"Proposition C will change the antiquated school tax ceiling set in 1937 to assure our children adequate and necessary education, based on today's rising maintenance and operation cost and conditions.

"Surely Oakland's future citizens are worth this. It is imperative that C pass now to meet the school crisis."

Bob Crown's labor record is praised

Supporters of Assemblyman Robert W. Crown are urging an overwhelming vote for their candidate's reelection to the State Assembly.

Crown's first term voting record, they point out, deserves the vote of every union member. Of issues deemed important to the AFL, Crown has twenty "good" votes and on the CIO score card Crown has forty-one "good" votes.

This is a record that has brought endorsements not only from the AFL and CIO but other segments of organized labor: Machinists Non-Partisan Political League, Railroad Brotherhoods and Metal Trades.

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Carpenters in Statewide referendum okay plan for the enlarged board

Reorganization of the constitutional structure of the California State Council of Carpenters, for which proposals were adopted at the 30th annual convention in Monterey March 1, have been fully approved by a State-wide referendum of affiliated local unions, it was announced by C. R. Bartolini, San Francisco, new president of the body.

The changes in the constitution approved by the referendum provide for an increase in the executive board from 8 to 21 members, thereby giving broader representation to all areas of the State, and making the secretary-treasurer the executive officer of the State Council.

Harry J. Harkleroad, formerly business representative of the Orange County District Council, who was elected secretary-treasurer at the Monterey convention, succeeding retiring secretary E. T. Aronson, who "did not choose to run," has taken up offices at San Francisco headquarters of the council, 1095 Market Street, San Francisco, and is moving his family to the Bay Area.

All five proposals relating to changes in the constitution were approved by a substantial margin, Secretary Harkleroad said, although more than 50 Local Unions did not send in returns or their ballots were disqualified by the official tabulating committee for various reasons, which have been explained to all affiliated locals in a communication issued by Harkleroad.

The referendum also approved an appropriation by the State Council of up to \$50,000 to fight the right-to-work referendum.

The enlarged executive board

will meet July 20 in its first session.

Heretofore, the board has been composed of the president, vice-president, secretary - treasurer, and five district members elected by caucus at the annual convention.

The enlarged board will be composed of President Bartolini, Vice-President Gordon McCulloch, San Pedro, Secretary Harkleroad, and the following executive officers of the 16 affiliated District Councils: Alameda, W. H. Stafford; Bay Counties, C. R. Bartolini; Fresno, B. M. Segress; Golden Empire, L. B. Richard; Los Angeles, William Sidell; Monterey Bay, Michael P. Dowdall; North Coast Counties, E. A. Brown; Orange County, James G. King; Sacramento - Yolo Counties, Victor J. La Chapelle; San Bernardino-Riverside Counties, J. W. Howard; San Diego, Armon L. Henderson; San Joaquin, Paul Lofton; Santa Clara Valley, Joseph C. Kiefer; Sierra-Nevada Foothill, Gail Gordon; Tulare County, Bill Wendt; Ventura County, Chester Price.

The new set-up also provides for two board members at large, one each for the Northern and Southern counties where Locals are not affiliated with a District Council, usually where none exists in the area.

FARMERS and commercial growers whose products are sold or shipped in any form out of California are cautioned to check carefully into the age of youngsters hired to tend spring crops, says the U. S. Department of Labor.

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Better Business Bureau in warning

A 59% increase in casework involving heating equipment sales and service for the first quarter of 1958 in comparison with 1957 has resulted in a warning from the Better Business Bureau to homeowners.

"An analysis of complaints reaching the Bureau reveals the most common cause of dissatisfaction is the result of pressure through fright," according to Bill Wansley, Manager of the local Bureau.

He cited cases involving so-called furnace inspections by unscrupulous representatives mistaken for "official" city inspectors; the tear-down of a furnace with scare sales talks stressing the danger of fire, asphyxiation, or explosion; sales of new equipment when the present equipment is under guarantee or not in need of replacing, as common in the field.

OSBORNE A. PEARSON, former assistant postmaster general has been appointed general chairman of the Holmdahl for State Senate finance committee.

Supervisor Dunn's record is praised

The Francis Dunn recognition dinner, was held Wednesday at the Cannery Workers Hall in Hayward.

The dinner was held by friends of Francis Dunn to honor him for the leadership he provided in the State Legislature in providing legislation to build schools, increase home loans for disabled veterans, providing for State aid in street and highway construction, sewage disposal plants and other necessary public works, to build and develop parks, beaches and boat harbors in Alameda County, to aid recreation districts, increasing workman's compensation, unemployment and disability insurance, and many other services that he rendered.

Dunn was also being honored for his services as an Alameda County Supervisor. He is a candidate for reelection and has been endorsed by the AFLCIO—COPE.

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COPE asks aid of BTC unions

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bor Council or the Building Trades Council for mailing" to the unions' members.

FRATERNAL DELEGATE

Al Thoman, Carpenters 36, on recommendation of the Board of Business Agents, was elected fraternal delegate to the Central Labor Council.

SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

A contribution for financing the campaign to carry Proposition C, the Oakland permissive school tax increase on the June 3 ballot was authorized on recommendation of the trustees.

LABORERS 304

A communication from Paul L. Jones to BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers was read, thanking Childers and the council for the "help that you and the council have given us in our strike against American Concrete Pipe Company."

Jones added that "the local union has settled for a two-year agreement which was satisfactory with our members working at the plant."

PAINTERS' SCALE

Notice was received from Floyd Peaslee, executive secretary, District Council of Painters 16, that the Bay Area Painters agreement provides for an increase of 15 cents per hour on July 1, making the basic wage \$3.35 per hour.

Vacation payments, wrote Peaslee, remains at 7 cents per hour, health and welfare payments at 14½ cents per hour.

PICKET INITIATIVE

Notice was received from the Santa Clara County BTC that it had withdrawn its proposal for an initiative to protect the right of picketing, due to the advice of the State Federation of Labor executive board that the matter not be pressed at this time.

Founding of new Laundry Union is told by Crowell

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izing and the low scales permitted in many of the organized areas indicated, said Crowell, that the policy of the old international was to keep the workers in check for the employers.

Crowell was delighted by the spirit of good will and high hope which animated the founding convention, addressed by both AFLCIO President George Meany and Secretary William P. Schnitzler. He told of the heroic sacrifices made by many of the officials of the new international to help found and maintain it.

The constitution, he said, is remarkable for its democracy: "It provides for REAL union democracy!"

In conclusion Crowell said that there is strong hope of organizing practically all of the 600,000 people in the industry.

"And God only knows," he ended, "here are people who really need a union!"

First Vice President Edna Lallment, in the chair at the meeting, said after Crowell's report that some delegates may have failed to note in last week's East Bay Labor Journal that Crowell had been made a vice president of the new international, and Millie Castelluccio of Laundry Workers 3012 a trustee. This was greeted with much applause.

Crowell and Eddie Maney of Local 3012 have been leaders in the fight against the old international and the founding of the new.

"GRASS ROOTS" support is growing for the reelection of County Supervisor Leland W. Sweeney in the 3rd District is reported by George E. Jacopetti, campaign chairman for the veteran public official.

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Ash says Haggerty out of bounds in his Knight drive

Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council, and a vice president of the State Federation of Labor, has issued a public statement challenging the right of C. J. Haggerty and Thomas Pitts, secretary and president, respectively, of the Federation, to form a Statewide labor committee for Governor Knight.

Knight, a Republican, is one of the opponents of Congressman Clair Engle, Democrat; for the U. S. Senatorship. Ash is chairman of Labor's Committee for Congressman Clair Engle.

"Haggerty and Pitts are violating the action of Labor's League for Political Education," Ash said.

"Under the terms of the LLPE endorsement, they are authorized to campaign for Knight on the Republican ticket only.

"In forming our Labor Committee for Congressman Engle, we were careful to specify that we were following the mandate of the LLPE convention which gave Engle the Democratic endorsement.

"Our committee has conscientiously announced that our function is to campaign for Engle on the Democratic ticket only.

"Mr. Haggerty was overwhelmingly rejected by the convention when he appealed to the delegates to endorse Knight on both tickets. He is miscarrying the mandate of the convention when he attempts to put together anything but a Republican campaign committee for Knight."

Engle is the candidate for U. S. Senator who has the endorsement of the Alameda County Council on Political Education (COPE).

Data on property taxes given by James H. Quinn

Property taxes levied by all California counties, cities, school districts, and other special districts for the 1957-58 fiscal year reached \$1,634,412,000 — almost \$116 for every man, woman, and child in the State—according to figures released by James H. Quinn, Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization. This amount represents a rise of 15.4 percent over the previous year's total of \$1,416,225,000 and of around \$11 in the per capita tax levy.

All AFLCIO people welcomed by COPE

Trade unionists from six states—Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington—will attend a conference called by the AFLCIO Committee on Political Education (COPE) to be held at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco on Saturday, June 7. The conference will include separate work-shop sessions.

The conferences, which will be conducted by James L. McDevitt, National Director of COPE, will stimulate COPE's organizational activities and study the problems and possibilities of the 1958 campaign.

All members of AFLCIO unions or members of their families are invited by COPE to attend in addition to regular delegates. Special programs for wives and women delegates will be held.

White Collar meet set for May 24th

Office Employees 29 announces:

"A dream long-cherished by our education committee will come to life on May 24, when the first White Collar-Conference sponsored jointly by the three Bay Area locals of the Office Employees International Union and the American Labor Education Service will take place at the Claremont Hotel.

"An unusually interesting and distinguished group of speakers and discussion leaders has been assembled for the all-day Workshop. George P. Firth, an International Vice-President and a top organizer of the OEIU, originally from Tacoma, Wash., now in Pittsburgh, is flying out for the occasion, as is Dr. Joel Seidman, professor at the University of Chicago."

Vets, read this!

Alameda County Assessor Russell C. Horstmann has expressed his desire to assist every qualified veteran to obtain the \$1,000 property tax exemption. War veterans are reminded that claims for veterans' tax exemption must be filed at the Court House by Monday, May 26.

CALIFORNIA GROCERS Association has endorsed James H. Quinn for reelection to the State Board of Equalization.

League of Women Voters urges vote June 3 for Oakland school tax rise

The League of Women Voters of Oakland announces that it believes the complex problems created by spiraling enrollments and an inflationary economy can be met only through community understanding and support of measures which will insure a high standard of educational opportunity. Public indifference is responsible for many of the inadequacies of our present school system.

The League statement continues:

"Only in recent years has public education for all become a reality. Records show that whereas the national population has tripled since 1875, secondary school enrollments have multiplied more than 90 times in the same period. At the same time schools have advanced from a limited curriculum to a broad and varied educational program adapted to the needs of all. As enrollments have increased and curriculum broadened, public support has failed to bridge the gap.

"A direct example of this failure is that the Oakland public schools are still operating on a tax ceiling set in 1937 and based on 1937 costs. U. S. News and World Report shows that the present-day dollar has lost half of its purchasing power since 1939, two years after the present tax rate was set.

"As a result, 29 of the 36 school districts in Alameda County have increased the statutory tax ceiling. Oakland has refused to do so. Our schools are faced with a cut of 2 3/4 million dollars from the recommended budget for 1958-59. This means the curtailment or elimination of many important phases of the school program, the most serious being a cut of 127 teachers from the required teaching staff.

"The White House Conference on Education stated that 'the heart of the educational system is the teacher. Everything else about schools—the buildings, the money, the organization—is designed to enable teaching to take place.'

"For Oakland to spend 40 million dollars for school buildings,

State AFL meeting to weigh merger

The executive council of the California State Federation of Labor will meet May 24-25 in Hollywood, it was announced by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

Top items on the executive council agenda will be merger of the state AFL and state CIO organizations and status of the "right to work" crisis, Haggerty said. — State Federation Newsletter.

then fail to provide the means to attract and hold good teachers to staff these buildings, would seem to be stopping far short of the ultimate aim of education.

"Of 18 large California cities, Oakland ranks tenth from the top in both minimum and maximum teachers' salaries. Well qualified teachers are not attracted to positions of modest salary or to overloaded classrooms. A good program of education needs good teachers, classes of moderate size, and adequate and up-to-date equipment and supplies.

"Oakland voters will again have the opportunity of supplying these basic necessities on June 3rd. The League of Women Voters urges every citizen to vote 'Yes' on Proposition C."

WILMA HACKETT, Democratic candidate for the Assembly in the 16th District, announces that she has received official statements from both the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education (COPE) and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen that she has been endorsed by them.

Tell 'em you saw is in the East Bay Labor Journal!

MUD bonds okayed, management held like Wards, Kohler

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Newspaper Guild; Paul Katz, representing the Cemetery Workers; George Stokes, Oakland Teachers 771; and Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers 1290.

Speakers arguing that the public interest required the bond issue, that labor should support it, and redouble efforts to organize the MUD workers and overthrow the management dynasty, included Al Thoman, Carpenters 36; Antonio Polvorosa, Steelworker Machinists 1304; William D. Drohan, Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers 1506; and Jack Tobler, Auto Workers 1031.

First Vice President Edna Lallment, presiding in the absence of President Al Brown, was kept busy recognizing speakers, asking some to wait their turn, and ruling on various parliamentary maneuvers.

No kindly feelings for the MUD management were expressed at any time by any speaker.

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It's We the People who are to blame, not Nixon

Americans who dislike Richard Nixon as much as most labor people do inevitably had mixed emotions when they read of the assaults upon him in South America.

He is a man we don't like and whom we profoundly distrust. But those who were attacking him in South America were not full of hate for Nixon; they were full of hate for us, the people of the nation which has become one of the two colossal powers of the world.

Mr. Eisenhower suggested to his press conference that envy, economic difficulties, and some Communists stimulation of these things were at the bottom of the disorders.

Presiding Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill of the Episcopal Church told reporters in San Francisco that "to say that certainly our relations with South America are not in good shape is an understatement. To say it is all caused by Communism is the easy way out. We should have some good hard facing up to realities."

The comments of both the President and the Presiding Bishop were sensible.

The envy to which the President refers is natural, considering the history of the Western Hemisphere. The cluster of nations to the south of us have many grievances against us. They are prone to remember, for instance, that this very California which we consider so thoroughly ours was once the property of Mexico, and that we took it under circumstances against which Abraham Lincoln as a Congressman protested most vigorously.

Our big corporations, too, have not hesitated to drive hard bargains with the people to the south of us. Much more of this sort of thing is cited in Latin America which we like to forget, but which they talk and write about incessantly.

As for the economic difficulties to which Mr. Eisenhower refers, most of us in the United States are so preoccupied with our own affairs that we are full of self-pity and have little inclination to feel sorry for the plight of citizens of less prosperous nations.

When the President, whether it be Truman or Eisenhower, insists that we must stick to the reciprocal trade treaties, a howl goes up from both business people and union people that we should have mile-high tariffs to protect mousetrap manufacturing and allied industries.

The same is true of our foreign aid program, the money spent to help the weaker countries of the grand anti-Communist alliance we are trying to maintain. Let one fur coat be given by one spoiled child of a Latin American caudillo to Zsa Zsa and Congress rocks with talk of cutting off all foreign aid—thereby faithfully reflecting the sentiment of a great number of us who live in the so-called grassroots for which our Congressmen have such natural respect, or, if not respect, fear.

That is why the advice of Presiding Bishop Sherrill is so good—that "we should have some good hard facing up to realities." One of those realities is that the U. S. is now one of the two superpowers of the world. Another is that most of us as yet have little realization of the responsibilities that this fact imposes upon us. Still another is that if we go on blaming the Communists for every adverse occurrence, then we are right out on the superhighway in the wrong lane headed for a fatal crash.

Pat Brown named the brat

Judge Stanley Mosk, the Democratic COPE-endorsed candidate for Attorney General, made a very fine impression when he spoke before the Central Labor Council last week.

Labor people should bear in mind one point he stressed—that it is the Attorney General who puts the titles on initiative measures, and that it was an Attorney General—Pat Brown—who gave the fair and neutral title to the open shop initiative, titling it simply "Employer-Employee Relations" instead of "Right to Work" or "Union Democracy."

If Judge Mosk is elected he will never put on an anti-labor measure a catchy slogan cooked up by the NAM or Chamber of Commerce.

THE SALES TAX CUT backed by organized labor will be on the ballot. It can be argued that what is needed instead is a general overhauling of the tax structure rather than this constitutional amendment. But that overhauling has been overdue for a long time, and if this initiative is adopted in November it will doubtless compel that general overhauling.



AN UNDERSTANDING of a certain action in the U. S. Senate is important for every union member. The bill to require full disclosure of health and welfare fund transactions passed the Senate unanimously, but not until a fistful of amendments offered by Sen. William F. Knowland of California had been beaten down. . . . The vote against the Knowland amendments was a victory for democratic procedure, a vote against steamroller tactics. What we must understand is that Knowland expected defeat before he started; he was playing politics. . . . Most observers trace Senator Knowland's actions to the difficulties encountered in his campaign for Governor of California. The Senator lacks stature in the minds of the people. His action in the Senate was intended to place him in the national spotlight.—THE MACHINISTS.

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Father doesn't care for Unions
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If it weren't for the Union man
He could save more dough.

If I am elected to my new
position
And the platform that I stand,
We'll teach these guys a thing
or two
We'll keep them well in hand.

We'll hire those that will work
for less,
And fire each Union jerk.
So vote for me at election time,
And vote for the Right to Work!

One-paper towns

In the vast majority of American cities and towns, one man or company dictates what the people shall read in their daily newspapers, and this trend toward monopoly control of news and public opinion is increasing. That's pointed out, and backed with figures and facts, in an article carried in Editor & Publisher, the "bible" of the newspaper business.

The article says there are "1,452 newspaper cities in the United States." Of these, 1,205, or 85 percent, are "one-newspaper towns." In addition, 158 cities, or 10.9 percent, have two newspapers but they "are under the same ownership."

Thus, 1,363 cities, or 94.1 percent of the total, "have no newspaper competition." Competing newspapers exist in only 89 cities, or 5.9 percent, of the towns and cities which have any "daily" papers at all.—Labor.

Public schools

We might point out, although it is probably not necessary to do so, that the existence of private schools in no way excuses Catholics from the duty of taking an active interest in the prosperity of our public schools. In fact, no conscientious citizen can be indifferent to the welfare of the public schools.

Schools are a necessity in a civilized society. If the public schools were not available there would be no practical way in which the great majority of the nation's children could receive the necessary education required for good citizenship. Consequently, it is the duty of everyone to support all measures that will make our public schools as truly effective an agency of education as resources permit.—The Monitor: Catholic Weekly:

Expert 'howlers'

The state of American education being much in the news nowadays, these verbatim "howlers" from high school students' college application folders—collected by an admissions officer of an eastern university—may help to throw some new light on the problem.

One boy wrote: "You informed me you were sending me a copy of your catalogue. By some insight, it was never sent to me."

The principal of a military academy, recommending an applicant: "His interests are scholastic, which has a tendency to set him apart."

From the endorsement of a Korean boy by his principal: " . . . he has an extinguished ability in math and science."

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HE'S FOR KNIGHT

Editor, Labor Journal:

As a liberal first and a Democrat second, I applaud the recent action taken by the AFL-CIO Retail Clerks Union in Los Angeles. This union has contracted twenty-four billboards asking the election of Republican Goodwin Knight to the U. S. Senate and Democrat Edmund Brown as Governor.

Apparently, the L. A. Clerks are cognizant of Democratic senatorial candidate Clair Engle's anti-labor performance in 1947. If you recall, Representative Engle voted in favor of Taft-Hartley and in favor of overriding President Truman's veto.

I admit Governor Knight cannot be labeled as a liberal. Yet, I submit he remains far removed from the provincial conservatism of his opponent.

In conclusion, I urge California labor as a whole to support moderate Knight and defeat conservative Engle. Such action will compel the California Democratic Party to return to its liberal pro-labor tradition the next time it endorses a candidate for the U. S. Senate.

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THE FARMER

When farmers are hard hit, the whole economy suffers. A farm depression is a sure sign a general "recession" is on the way. Why? Farmers are the biggest users of petroleum products in the U. S. Agriculture use more steel than the auto industry does for passenger cars. Farmers buy more electric power than Chicago, Detroit, Baltimore and Houston combined. — Packing-house Worker.

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WHITE MINORITY

President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia has moved to punish employers in this Negro republic who show racial discrimination against white employees. The President called for a new law that would make it a criminal offense for Liberian firms to dismiss white employees who marry Liberian women. — Painters '32 Events

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TO THE RESCUE!

As the members of a downtown rescuator squad entered a hotel room in response to an early morning call, they overheard a well-meaning friend comforting an anxious relative of the victim with "don't worry, honey, the annihilator squad is here now!" —L. Vann in Oakland Fire News.

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ARE YOU TIRED?

If you are one of the millions who complain about chronic fatigue, the chances are 100 to 1 you're not tired from anything at all—you're tired of it. — Life Extension Institute.